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Teen charged in violent sexual assault of woman

- Woman lay bleeding and injured for at least two hours: EPS
- Quick-acting citizen who called 911 credited with saving victim



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Edmonton police have charged a teen after a 62-year-old woman was allegedly sexually assaulted Tuesday night, and left unconscious and bleeding profusely.

Investigators believe the victim, who was discovered by a resident near 93 Street and 103 Avenue just before midnight, was walking home from work when she was attacked.

Even seasoned investigators are shocked by the seriousness of the crime.

"In the two years that I've been the supervising member in the sexual assault section, I can't recall an event this violent involving a youth," Staff Sgt. Deb Jolly of the EPS' sex assault section told reporters on Thursday.

The victim remains in intensive

care in a "medically-guarded condition," said Jolly.

A 17-year-old boy faces aggravated sexual assault and robbery charges.

"We were able very early on to establish that we were dealing with a sexual assault, due to the nature of the injuries that were sustained," said Jolly.

The woman did not know her alleged attacker, he said, adding investigators have not been able to speak to the victim due to her injuries.

"We have yet to make a determination whether this was a sexually-motivated crime and a robbery ensued after the attack, or whether this was a robbery that ended up in a violent sexual assault," she explained.

The accused teen is in custody and is slated to appear in court Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Sex assault stats

- Sexual assaults involving strangers are rare and only occur in five to 10 per cent of cases, said Staff Sgt. Deb Jolly of the EPS' sexual assault section.
- The charge of aggravated sexual assault is determined by the extent of injuries suffered in an attack. The Crown can still downgrade the charges to sexual assault, said Jolly.
- Sexual assaults jumped by 37 per cent last year, according to statistics released in October by EPS. There were 493 sexual assaults reported in the city in 2011 between January and September, versus 360 in the same period in 2010.

Cool. Tiger



► One of the elaborate carvings at the Alberta legislature grounds.

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Winter festival kicks off

Winter Festival at the Legislature features carvings by artists from Heilongjiang province in China. It's the 30th anniversary of twinning the Chinese province with Alberta.

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► Const. Elvin Toy, left, and Det. Don Belzevik of EPS' economic crimes section speak to media and display some of the seized debit and credit card skimming equipment.

'Elaborate' scamming equipment seized

- Police seeking nine suspects with Canada-wide warrants
- 'Sophisticated' skimming operation was based out of Quebec



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Edmonton police have pulled the plug on an elaborate credit and debit card skimming scam that has bilked people out of at least \$500,000.

The investigation goes back to May 2010 and has led to Canada-wide warrants for ten men.

One was arrested in Montreal on Wednesday, police said.

"There's a lot of money to be made at this. As you

can see from this group, the loss is over a half-million dollars, but it's not unreasonable to think it could be more," said Det. Don Belzevik of the EPS' economic crimes section.

Chips that are stored in debit and credit pinpads to collect people's information can hold details from 3,000 cards, said Belzevik.

If each person loses \$800, the thieves can make \$2.4 million off that machine.

The venture starts with stealing a pin-pad, and replacing it with a "decoy."

In the cards

- Police have issued warrants for ten suspects based out of Quebec in the credit and debit card scamming ring. For a complete list and photos of suspects visit edmontonpolice.ca
- Users can protect themselves by getting a

bank or debit card with a chip technology, which skimming thieves have not yet learned how to steal from.

- Merchants whose chip-reading technology in their pin-pads is not working should ask their banking institution to replace it with one that works properly.

The original pin-pad is tampered with and the machine is returned to the business to collect people's personal banking details.

Police say the best de-

fence is regularly changing your PIN.

Merchants also need to take preventative steps by mounting their pinpads, they add.

Redford hints at election date

Alberta politicians go back to work at the legislature Feb. 7, but Premier Alison Redford says no one should expect an election campaign to start soon afterward.

Redford says she wants to pass the budget in the spring sitting before dropping the writ to begin a 28-day campaign.

By law, polling day must be held sometime in March, April or May, meaning Redford could call an election as early as Feb. 2 or as late as May 3.

She has always indicated there would be a budget introduced before an election, but hadn't confirmed until Thursday that she wanted it passed before a campaign.

Budget approval usually involves six weeks of debate in the house. That would put polling day in April at the earliest.

In a conference call from Toronto, Redford said she has been clear about her intentions all along.

"I have said that we would have a throne speech. We would bring the budget forward. We would have a spring session of the legislature and then we would go to the polls," she said.

"I've never changed my position on that."

Redford will be seeking her first mandate as premier since winning the Tory leadership and replacing Ed Stelmach last fall.

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One-term MLA will step down this year

Alberta's former culture minister is about to become a former legislature member.

Lindsay Blackett, who represents Calgary-North West for the Tories, has announced he will not seek re-election.

In a statement on his Facebook page, Blackett says he has been weighing the pros and cons for six months and decided he needs to spend more time with his family.

The one-term politician also says it was never his intention to make his legislative job a career.

Blackett was culture minister under former premier Ed Stelmach but was relegated to the backbenches last fall when Alison Redford took over.

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► Former Alberta culture minister Lindsay Blackett, right, has announced plans to leave provincial politics.

Missing man may be home invasion victim

Police are hoping that the friends of a missing man will come forward to help find him.

Officers were called to an apartment at 47 Avenue and 106 Street at about 3 a.m.

The resident, David Vestergaard Jensen, 33, was nowhere to be found.

"We have potential concerns for the safety of the homeowner," said Staff Sgt. Howard Kuncie, of the EPS robbery and arson sec-

tion.

Kuncie said "violence associated with this break and enter" has investigators thinking Jensen may have been a home-invasion victim.

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Contact police

► Anyone with information about David Jensen or his whereabouts should call 780-423-4567.

Police shoot and kill man during domestic dispute

► Machete and folding knife found in suite after shooting ► Two police officers fired their pistols at the man armed with a sharp-edged weapon



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Stony Plain RCMP officers shot and killed a man on Wednesday night after he came at them with a weapon in Onoway, about 70 kilometres west of Edmonton.

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team is in the early stages of investigating what began as a domestic complaint at about 7:30 p.m. in a lower-level apartment.

"Once they arrived on scene it was a matter of minutes before the shots were fired," said Cliff Purvis of ASIRT.

"Recovered from the scene were a machete and a knife," said Purvis, who could not say which weapon the man was wielding when he was shot.

The ASIRT investigation will determine whether police actions were justified.

Both officers fired their weapons at the man, who died at the scene, Purvis said.

Neighbours have identified the dead man as Darby Mohan, 49, a resident of 5107 Lac Ste. Anne Trail.

Before the incident, Mohan was reportedly angry with his daughter's boyfriend, who also lives



► Cliff Purvis speaks at the ASIRT offices Thursday about an officer-involved shooting west of Edmonton this week.

in the building, and had gone to the boyfriend's suite to confront him.

The shooting appears to have happened in the basement suite.

An autopsy is scheduled for Friday morning.

ASIRT probe

► Both officers' pistols have been seized as evidence in the ASIRT investigation.
► One of the officers involved had about three

years' experience, while the other is simply being identified as a constable.
► There were two other adults in the suite, but no one else was injured in the incident.

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► Waitress Molly McMahon serves up some top-notch lunch fare Thursday at Urban Diner.

Showing off their food to Canada

► Four local eateries feature homey, fan-favourite meals on new Food Network show

There's a brisk business through the lunch rush Thursday at Urban Diner, and with the restaurant's upcoming profile on the Food Network's *You Gotta Eat Here*, things are bound to get even busier.

"We're known for our brunch, so that's what the show wants us to make," said Urban Diner owner Cyrille Koppert, who already handles weekend line-ups to try the Huevos Rancheros wrap, made with homemade vegetarian chili and scrambled eggs, or the poffertjes — a Dutch mini pancake served with homemade berry compote.

"We have a special machine to make these, and it's what the TV show wants us to make for them."

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Urban Diner's famous breakfast burger — dubbed the 'hangover burger' — has no less than 5 kinds of protein on board: homemade meatloaf, bacon, black forest ham, cheddar and a fried egg, all on an onion kaiser.

For some customers tasty food keeps them loyal to the eatery.

"My grandpa used to bring me here. It's all comfort food," said Sebastian Amyotte, who favours the Reuben sandwich.

Cindy Lazarenko has already seen a boost in busi-

ness at her Highland Kitchen, just because word is out that her café will be featured on a 7-minute segment of the food show.

"We're tucked away in the Highland's neighbourhood, so it'll give us great exposure," she said.

"Even with two long days of filming, it's all positive. There's a fun buzz on Twitter and Facebook."

Customer favourites here include bison short ribs, served with a garlic and rosemary potato salad.

"The regulars will never let that come off the menu."

The Edmonton-based episodes of *You Gotta Eat Here* air this spring, and include stops at the Sugar Bowl and Tres Carnales.

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Winter festival lights up the legislature

Now that it finally feels like winter, Edmontonians may be inspired to take in the outdoor skating, hot chocolate and dazzling ice and snow sculptures that are part of the winter festival at the legislature — it's both cosy and invigorating — and it's all free.

The Alberta government's annual fete at the Legislature will, for the first time, feature winter-time rides aboard the High Level Street Car that will run to Old Strathcona every half hour Thursday to Sunday on both weekends of the event.

"We're all about the twinning on this special anniversary," said Beryl Cullum with Culture and Community Services.

Chinese lion dancing and Chinese art will be featured entertainment, and a mobile skate truck



► Ice carvings dot the Alberta Legislature grounds.

will offer free skate and helmet rentals at the Legislature on Jan 15 and 21.

"It's all family-oriented, all free, and it shows the artistic excellence in our two countries," added Cullum.

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Partnership

1 Annual festival of ice and snow partners with Ice on Whyte fest and the Chinese province of Heilongjiang.

2 It's first chance for Edmontonians to ride the High Level Street car in winter.

3 The 30th anniversary Winter Festival at the Legislature runs Jan 12-22.

4 China's Heilongjiang province and Alberta are called twins for a reason — they have similar climates.

5 A delegation of Chinese carvers created 8 ice and snow carvings as a gift to Alberta.

Wanted B.C. man may be in Edmonton

Prince George RCMP are asking for help finding a man wanted for assault with a weapon who may be in Edmonton.

Gino Nelson Michell, 20, is a native man who's about five-foot-nine and 170 pounds.

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Second boy testifies in sexual assault trial

Court heard candid testimony from a second boy in the sexual assault trial of former pediatric resident Javier Mauricio Castillo Cortes Thursday.

The boy, now 10, said Castillo Cortes had undressed and tried to remove the boy's pants.

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Conklin police shooting injures man

ASIRT is investigating after a man, 33, came at four RCMP officers in Conklin, south of Fort McMurray, with a rifle on Monday.

He was sent to hospital with non-life threatening injuries and faces charges.

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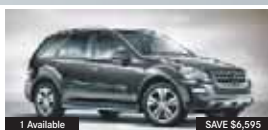
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Feds criticised over same-sex divorce issue

► PM says he won't reopen debate after doubt cast on gay marriages

The Harper government is being accused of taking away same-sex rights by "stealth" in light of a surprise government stand that thousands of the non-resident gay and lesbian couples who came to Canada to exchange vows aren't legally married after all.

"The narrow interpretation of the law shows that the Harper government is trying to take away same-sex rights by stealth, and Canadians need to know that the advances we thought were secure are now under threat from the Harper neo-conservatives," Interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae told the Toronto Star

"I think it's the radical right by stealth."

BOB RAE, INTERIM LIBERAL LEADER

Thursday.

Thousands of same-sex marriages since 2004 involving couples from outside Canada are in limbo as a result of a new position taken by the Conservative government.

In a nutshell, government lawyers are arguing in court that if same-sex couples could not be legally married in their home country, then their Canadian wedding is not valid.

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► U.S. journalist Dan Savage, right, with his husband Terry Miller, at the LGBT Pride Month event at the White House in Washington last June. Savage said his husband reacted to the news they may not be legally married with "nothing you can print."

'We're going to fight': U.S. writer Dan Savage

JOE LOFARO
IN OTTAWA

Outspoken American author and journalist Dan Savage told his husband Thursday morning their marriage was no longer valid.

What did husband Terry Miller have to say about that?

"Nothing you can print," Savage told Metro

in an interview from Seattle.

The couple was reacting to news reports according to which the Conservative government argued non-resident same-sex couples who married in Canada are not legally wed if same-sex marriages are unlawful in their home jurisdictions.

"We're not crawled up

in the fetal position on the floor, we're getting up and we're going to fight," he said. "But we're pissed."

Savage said that the controversy has left marriages like his in "legal limbo."

"In Washington state, my husband and I are domestic partners because we're married in Canada," said Savage, who married

Miller in Vancouver in 2005. "So if we're not married in Canada, we're not domestic partners here."

Savage said the news was "personally distressing" and "a big step backwards for Canada."

He and his husband will continue to fight to ensure the issue is debated until equality is granted to all same-sex couples.

5,000

NDP MP Olivia Chow said that Canada used to be a "beacon of hope" for gay and lesbian couples wanting to get married but now it is a "a laughing stock." Chow said if federal lawyers win their argument, then as many 5,000 non-residents who came to Canada to wed are not legally married.

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Judge declares Holloway dead

An Alabama judge signed an order Thursday declaring Natalee Holloway dead, more than six years after the American teenager vanished on the Caribbean island of Aruba during a high school graduation trip.

Judge Alan King signed the order at the close of a hearing in a Birmingham courtroom that was attend-

ed by the missing woman's divorced parents, Dave and Beth Holloway.

Dave Holloway told the judge in September he believed his daughter had died and he wanted to stop payments on her medical insurance and use her \$2,000 college fund to help her younger brother.

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Hypnotic principal charged in Florida

A popular high school principal in Florida has been charged with two criminal offences after using hypnosis on two students who later committed suicide.

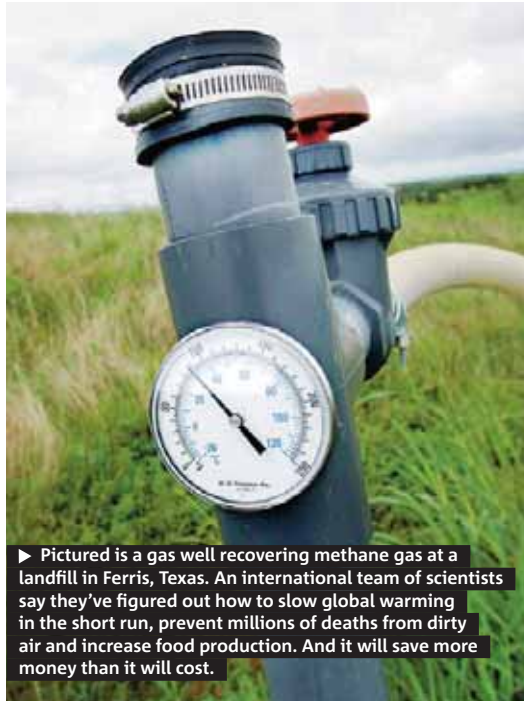
The Sarasota County state attorney charged George Kenney on Tuesday with two misdemeanour

counts of "unlawful practice of hypnosis."

Kenney, who has been on leave as principal at North Port High School since last May, will enter a written "not guilty" plea at his Jan. 31 arraignment, his lawyer Mark Zimmerman told the Star. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Battling global warming

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► Pictured is a gas well recovering methane gas at a landfill in Ferris, Texas. An international team of scientists say they've figured out how to slow global warming in the short run, prevent millions of deaths from dirty air and increase food production. And it will save more money than it will cost.

► Scientists say controlling methane and soot offers quick fix
► But don't ignore carbon dioxide

An international team of scientists says it has figured out how to slow global warming in the short run and prevent millions of deaths from dirty air: Stop focusing so much on carbon dioxide.

They say the key is to reduce emissions of two powerful and fast-acting causes of global warming — methane and soot.

Carbon dioxide is the chief greenhouse gas and the one world leaders have spent the most time talking about controlling. Scientists say carbon dioxide from fossil fuels, such as coal and oil, is a bigger overall cause of global warming, but reducing methane and soot offers quicker fixes.

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Pollution control

► Two dozen scientists from around the world ran computer models of 400 different existing pollution-control measures and came up with 14 methods that attack methane and soot.

► All 14 methods — capturing methane from landfills and coal mines, cleaning up cook stoves and diesel engines, and changing agriculture techniques for rice paddies and manure collection — are being used efficiently in many places, but are not universally adopted, said the study's lead author, Drew Shindell of NASA.

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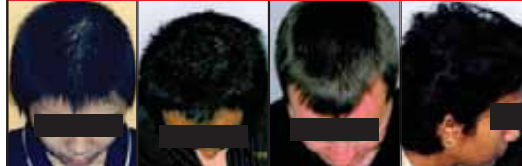
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► An image from an undated video shows men in U.S. marines gear allegedly urinating on Afghan corpses.



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U.S. slams marines over shocking video

► Officials investigating footage of men urinating on bodies of dead Afghans

A video depicting four U.S. marines supposedly urinating on the corpses of Afghans has been condemned as "utterly deplorable" and "disrespectful."

It is "absolutely incon-

sistent with American values, with the standards of behaviour ... that the vast majority of marines hold themselves to," U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Thursday.

Clinton expressed "to-

tal dismay" over the video, which shows men dressed in combat gear standing over three bodies. It is unclear how the three died or whether they were Taliban or civilians.

A caption beneath the

video, which was posted on YouTube, identifies the men as part of a scout sniper team assigned to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, out of Camp Lejeune, N.C.

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Ever heard of a guy called Vincent van Gogh? The famous Dutch artist who was born more than 150 years ago in the Netherlands and who became known as an innovator in the art world. If you have heard of him, did you ever wonder how it would be to follow in his footsteps and use your own creativity just as he did? The Netherlands Embassy and its network in Canada invite teachers and students to participate in the "Vincent van Gogh goes to school" project, which will run from February – June 2012. The project is designed for children between the ages of 6 and 16 years old. Both elementary and high schools can join.

The school project coincides with Vincent's visit to Canada in the spring of 2012: the National Gallery of Canada, located in the capital Ottawa, will host 'Van Gogh: Up Close' from May 25 – September 3 (2012). It will be the first major Canadian exhibition of works by the famous Dutch artist for more than 25 years.

Useful teacher's kit

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Learn, explore and experience

• Learn together with schools in the Netherlands that are participating in this project and would like to connect with schools in Canada.

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- **Explore** possibilities of the 'Vincent van Gogh goes to school' project in your own class: it is not just about art per se. Van Gogh can be a history project, a biology project or even a language class.
- **Experience** the Netherlands and discover interesting facts about the Dutch, their country and the friendship with Canada.

Make - with your classmates and with the support of your teacher - an awesome painting of sunflowers; write a letter to Vincent; or, how about using your creativity to produce a movie, a rap, a comic, a poster, a board game or a picture? Increase your chances to win by uploading a video, a song, or a picture to the specially designed VincentinCanada Facebook page from the Netherlands Embassy. Students can also sign up individually, and will be organized in the appropriate age category. The Sun Flowers – age group 6 – 10; The Irises – age group 10 – 13 and The Wild Roses – age group 13 – 16.

Are you in?

For more information on this project, to register and to receive the kit, send an email to: ott-ppc@minbuza.nl
For all the details about the contest: scan the QR code or go to Facebook.com/thenetherlandsincanada



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► A woman lies on the ground praying next to other faithfuls as they visit areas of the city where people were killed in the January 2010 earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

HAITI ANNIVERSARY NATION MARKS TWO YEARS SINCE QUAKE

Haitians are marking the second anniversary of the devastating earthquake with church services throughout the deeply religious country.

The earthquake took place on January 2010 and, according to government officials, killed 316,000 people

and displaced 1.5 million.

More than 500,000 are still in temporary settlement camps.

National memorial services were planned at a UN base and the site north of the capital where thousands of victims are buried.

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Text donations become new popular way to give back

The massive earthquake that devastated Haiti two years ago prompted an outpouring of charitable donations and propelled a new way of giving — through text messages — into the public eye.

A new survey shows that text messages are becoming a viable avenue to give and receive charitable donations, even though people give smaller amounts.

A nationwide campaign after the January 2010 disaster encouraged people to donate \$10 to recovery efforts by texting the word Haiti to a number,

56%

The majority of those surveyed — 56 per cent — have contributed to more recent disaster recovery efforts via text since the Haiti quake. These include the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, and the Gulf oil spill.

such as 90999 for the Red Cross. The donation would be added to their monthly cellphone bill.

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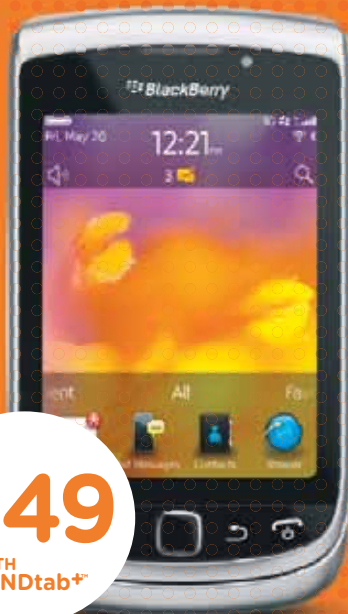
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Public nudity law upheld by judge

► Ontario man charged after going through drive-thrus naked ► Claimed nudity was legal form of expression

An Ontario court upheld Canada's public-nudity law Thursday, saying it doesn't infringe on freedom of expression or the right to practise naturism.

While nudism could be considered a protected form of expression under certain circumstances, "requiring people to wear some modicum of clothing when in public is a reasonable limit," Justice Jon-Jo A. Douglas told the court in delivering his judgment.

The court ruling comes after a constitutional challenge by a man charged in incidents involving public nudity in the Bracebridge, Ont., area.

Brian Coldin was found guilty of partial nudity that offended public order for incidents at a park and two fast-food drive-thrus.

He was found not guilty in another incident that started on his own



► Brian Coldin appears at court in Bracebridge, Ont., on Thursday.

property, a clothing-optional resort he operates in the Bracebridge area, north of Toronto.

At Coldin's trial, A&W and Tim Hortons workers testified he was nude when he came to the drive-thru windows and one worker said he pre-tended to reach for a wallet as if wearing pants.

Outside court Thursday, Coldin said he wasn't nude during that incident, but was wearing a towel.

In his ruling, Douglas found Coldin's actions expressed "not much more than his desire to be publicly nude."

"Attending at the pick-up of Tim Hortons, of A&W, without one's pants expresses little meaning about naturism to others, and it is certainly not perceived as having important meaning," he said.

One of Coldin's lawyers, Nader Hasan, told reporters he is disappointed by the decision and his client will consider whether to appeal.

In Canada, it is illegal to be nude in a public place, or while on private property but exposed to public view.

Coldin's lawyers have said the law was overly broad and should be struck down.

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Building. Ships



► Defence Minister Peter MacKay, left, and his new bride, Nazanin Afshin-Jam, chat with ironworker Matthew Jardine at the Halifax Shipyard on Thursday.

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Feds reach deal over naval ships

The defence minister and his wife joined Prime Minister Stephen Harper as he announced that the federal government and Irving Shipbuilding Inc. have reached an agreement in principle to begin building the next fleet of navy ships under the \$35-billion federal shipbuilding program.

RCMP spied on Rae during student days, documents show

The RCMP spied on Bob Rae during his student activist days and likely amassed a personal dossier on the future Liberal leader, newly declassified documents reveal.

Mountie security

agents, wary of late-1960s campus turmoil, kept a close eye on the University of Toronto student council, apparently relying on a secret informant to glean information about Rae and other coun-

cil members.

The RCMP Security Service conducted widespread surveillance of myriad groups during the Cold War to identify left-wing subversives.

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Saskatchewan OKs MS trials

SASKATCHEWAN. Multiple sclerosis patients in Saskatchewan can apply to take part in a clinical trial

of a controversial treatment that has been touted as a potential therapy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Killer doc seeks freedom

QUEBEC. A Quebec doctor who stabbed his two children to death, then avoid-

ed a murder conviction, is now seeking his freedom from a psychiatric hospital.

Guy Turcotte told a mental health review board he's also ready to practise medicine again.

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Probe set to

fall to Earth

RUSSIA. Russia's space agency predicts that the fragments of a failed Russian space probe could fall into the Indian Ocean, far away from any populated areas. Debris from the unmanned probe will begin falling Sunday or Monday.

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Murder labelled 'terrorist attack'

► Death of nuclear scientist denounced by Iranian government following wave of related violence ► Request made that United Nations follow suit

Future talks

Calm via conversation

- Iran's parliamentary speaker on Thursday said he believed that the standoff over his country's nuclear program can be solved through serious talks.
- Ali Larijani told a news conference after meeting Turkish leaders in Ankara that Tehran supports the idea of holding further talks in Turkey.
- "I believe all issues can be easily solved through negotiations," Larijani told a news conference. "But this time, we want the talks to be serious."

The Iranian government called on the United Nations to condemn the killing of an Iranian nuclear scientist, calling it a "terrorist attack," and blaming foreign powers.

Iranian nuclear scientist Mostafa Ahmadi Roshan was killed Wednesday by a bomb attached to his car by a passing bicyclist.

In a letter to the UN Secretary General, Iran's Ambassador Mohammad Khazaee called on the UN to condemn the killing and two earlier attacks that left two nuclear scientists dead and another seriously injured, in the strongest terms.

Wednesday's attack came almost two months

after an unexplained explosion at an Iranian missile base killed a top general and 16 other people.

In 2010, the release of a malicious computer virus known as Stuxnet disrupted controls of some centrifuges — a component in nuclear fuel production.

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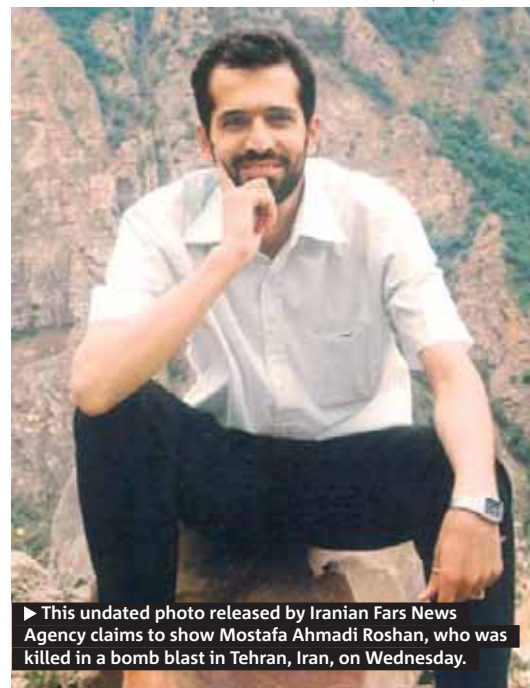
On Thursday, diplomats said a senior UN nuclear team will visit Tehran on Jan. 28, with Iran saying it is ready to discuss allegations that it was involved

in secret nuclear weapons work.

Diplomats have previously said that International Atomic Energy Agency officials were dis-

cussing such a trip with their Iranian counterparts. But before the diplomats' comments Thursday, no date — or indication that Iran was ready to talk about the allegations — had been mentioned.

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► This undated photo released by Iranian Fars News Agency claims to show Mostafa Ahmadi Roshan, who was killed in a bomb blast in Tehran, Iran, on Wednesday.

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► Internally-displaced civilian Tamils watch the president arrive in Vavuniya, Sri Lanka, in December 2009, six months after the country's civil war ended.

CANADA PANS SRI LANKA WAR CRIMES REPORT

Canada remains skeptical of Sri Lanka's commitment to an independent investigation of possible war crimes during its civil war and is still threatening to boycott next year's Commonwealth summit in Colombo.

A spokesman for Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday a recent report from Sri Lanka's reconciliation commission does not adequately address widespread allega-

tions of war crimes by the country's army.

Human Rights Watch wants Canada to raise the report's inadequacies at the United Nations Human Rights Council. Human rights groups estimate tens of thousands of civilians were killed when the Sri Lankan military crushed the rebel Tamil Tigers in May 2009 to end 26 years of civil strife.

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Judge delays suspect's deportation to Rwanda

► Leon Mugesera's family said Thursday that he was in "critical condition" in a Quebec City hospital



► Leon Mugesera

► The emergency entrance of the CHUL in Quebec City where Rwanda's Leon Mugesera is hospitalized.



In the latest bizarre twist in a two-decade-old case, a man accused of inciting the Rwandan genocide has won a court order imploring the Canadian government not to deport him.

The decision, handed down in Quebec Superior Court, came at the 11th-hour for Leon Mugesera, who was slated for deportation to Rwanda on Thursday from Canada.

Justice William Fraiberg ordered a stay of deportation until Jan. 20, when Mugesera's lawyers are due back in court.

The lawyers who filed the motion on Mugesera's behalf said they had never even met the man, but were upset at what they deemed to be flippant be-

haviour by the federal government.

They say the Canadian government's international obligations require it to keep Mugesera here while the United Nations Committee Against Torture examines his case.

Ottawa expressed surprise and disappointment with the ruling, saying it was weighing its legal options. The government is not obliged to comply with the provincial court order, one of Mugesera's lawyers said.

Mugesera is expected to face criminal charges in Rwanda related to the 1994 killing of between 800,000 and one million Rwandans.

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Nigerian labour union threatens oil, gas cut

- Strikers demand restoration of fuel subsidies
- Natural-gas shutdown would turn off power grid
- No impact to oil production, shipment yet

A major union promised Thursday to stop the beating heart of Nigeria's economy — crude oil production — as part of a nationwide strike and protests gripping Africa's most populous nation.

The union's ability to enforce the shutdown Sunday across the swamps of Nigeria's southern delta to massive offshore oil fields remains in question, though the threat of a strike could sway global oil prices.

Nigeria, home to more than 160 million people, has been paralyzed by a national strike that began Monday after the government abandoned subsidies that kept gasoline prices low.

Overnight, prices at the pump more than doubled, to at least 94 cents per litre from 45 cents per litre. The costs of food and trans-

portation also doubled.

Popular anger over losing one of the few benefits average Nigerians see from being an oil-rich nation, as well as disgust over government corruption, has led to demonstrations nationwide and related violence that has killed at least 12 people.

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria said it would "be forced to go ahead and apply the bitter option of ordering the systematic shutting down of oil and gas production" if the government refuses to re-instate the gas subsidies.

Union president Babatunde Ogun said if fields are shut down, it could take "six months or one year" to restart them. "We ... believe that if everything comes to a standstill, the government will budge," he said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Men protest following the removal of a fuel subsidy by the government in Lagos, Nigeria, Thursday.

Spain, Italy raise cash in debt auctions

Spain and Italy gave financial markets a boost Thursday as they successfully raised nearly \$27.98 billion US in two keenly watched debt auctions that showed renewed investor confidence in their attempts to get a grip on their debt problems.

Spain sold nearly \$12.7 billion in auctions of bonds maturing in 2015 and 2016, with demand strong and the amount sold double the maximum sought. Italy saw its borrowing costs drop sharply as it \$15 billion in what was its first test of market sentiment of the new year.

Both debt-laden countries have been the focus of worries they might be dragged further into Europe's debt crisis.

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U.S. consumer to help raise Canadian exports: EDC

Canadian exports will continue to grow this year in the face of a global slowdown, and it's the U.S. consumer that's likely to come to the rescue, the federal government's export agency said Thursday.

Export Development Canada, which assists companies doing business abroad, forecasts foreign sales will rise by six per cent this year. The EDC also lowered its estimate for global economic growth but chief economist Peter Hall maintains that the United States will more than make up for what ever is lost in the rest of the world, particularly in Europe. "The momentum is rising there. This is not a flash in the pan," Hall said.

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Sneaker factory workers to get \$1M from Nike

Nike will pay workers in Indonesia \$1 million for unpaid overtime.

A trade union representing 4,500 employees from a plant that sews sneakers accused the sportswear giant of failing to pay nearly 600,000 hours in the last two years.

After lengthy negotiations, the Seattle-based company agreed to a settlement. Bambang Wirahyoso, chairman of the national trade union, says the \$1

4,500 Nike will pay nearly 600,000 overtime hours over the last two years to 4,500 employees from a plant that sews sneakers in Indonesia.

million will be paid in full by early February.

He hopes the case will set a precedent in a country where factory workers often work seven day weeks without overtime or proper benefits. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Layoffs to come at Pearson

Big layoffs involving security screeners are coming at Toronto's Pearson International Airport.

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► Several hundred stockbrokers holding placards march to the Exchange Square in Hong Kong Thursday, protesting plans to trim their lunch break between morning and afternoon trading sessions to an hour.

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Leave our lunch break alone: Stockbrokers

Stockbrokers carried placards and rally leaders handed a letter of protest to exchange officials Thursday denouncing the plan to shorten their lunch break by 30 minutes. It is the second phase of a plan to extend trading hours. Last year it was cut to 90 minutes from two hours. Officials say they need to bring trading hours in line with international rivals. But brokers say they need the time to meet with clients and attend IPO presentations.

Housing prices set to rise — slowly: Realtor

► Royal LePage says price of resale homes to rise 2.8%

The price of homes in Canada will continue rising this year, but the hottest markets in Toronto and Vancouver will grow much more slowly, predicts Canada's largest real estate broker.

Low mortgage rates will continue underpinning housing demand despite the weakening economy, said Royal LePage Real Estate Services in its annual

housing outlook Thursday. "Interest rates are the primary driver behind activity levels in the marketplace," said Phil Soper, LePage president and CEO.

Experts believe interest rates will remain stable as the economy expands sluggishly, but eventually rates should rise with stronger growth. Royal LePage predicted the national average

price for resale homes will rise 2.8 per cent by the end of the year.

The forecast follows a gain of 4.2 per cent in the national average price for a standard two-storey home to \$375,427 in the fourth quarter of 2011.

In Vancouver, a standard two-storey home had an average price of \$1.1 million in the fourth quarter, up

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authoritative compendium of what's goin' on:

1 PR nightmare: Four U.S. marines are caught urinating on dead Taliban with extreme prejudice. Once again, the smartphone proves its worth as a weapon of mass embarrassment.

2 Awww: Vancouver Aquarium's sea otter Milo, the world's cutest animal, succumbs to cancer at 12. A YouTube video of Milo and Nyac — also a sea otter — holding paws and floating on their backs, has racked up 17 million views. Nyac was the older woman; she died last year at 20. Who says otters are slippery? Milo was staunch.

3 Dining alfresco: Breast-feeding pix nixed on Facebook as sexually explicit, which leads us to wonder just how kinky they are at the world's foremost social network. Meanwhile, that "naturalist" guy who kept going through the drive-thru at Timmy Ho's starters had his sentence upheld. So what's the big deal? They're both cases of little boys having dinner.

4 World's most dangerous job: Iranian nuclear scientist No. 4 gets blown up this week. The Israelis: Who, Us? If this keeps up, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad will have to make his own damn atomic bombs.

5 Katy Perry: 5; Russell Brand: 0: She's hot enough to melt your popsicle, winning five People's Choice Awards. Ex-hubby Russell Brand? He loses the California Gurl. And the consolation prize of being referred to as the star of Arthur is no consolation at all.

6 Good news, bad news: In the same week, Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Dion Phaneuf gets voted to the all-star squad and is rated the NHL's most overrated player. Somebody's wrong.

7 HBD: Kate Middleton, er, the Duchess of Somewhere, turns 30. You think that's something? Betty White turns 90 this week, and she's still funny. Kate Middleton has never — to our knowledge — been funny. Although she does smile a lot.

8 Show us the file: The RCMP spied on Bob Rae when he was on the University of Toronto student council. Now that he's Liberal leader, they don't care ... as he's a threat to no one.

9 Bieber watch: He's going back into the studio to work on his next album. Will his voice crack before he's finished?

It's going to be a jam-packed year, as we have to get it all in before the world ends on Dec. 21.

So let's get started with this week's Metro List, the



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The most important gym etiquette is?



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Kabongo played well

down the stretch when called upon Same for 2010. He hasn't really been able to put a full season together #Eskis #CFL #yeg

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@kaycee_kay: Just watched the @NHLDevils workout at my #ymca. Beats watching the kids from Centre High play b-

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@amodernproposal: using the stove to heat up the place...why? Because water heating takes forever to make a place warm.. brrr it's cold in #yeg

@dan_yellahh: "man-watching" while i wait for my cousin to meet me at southgate mall so far no studmuffins or babes #yeg

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Dutch storms create wave of orphaned seal pups

A volunteer feeds a seal a herring at the Pieterburen seal creche, north of the town of Groningen, in northern Netherlands on Thursday.

Storms that have lashed the Dutch coast this year have created a wave of orphaned baby seals, some so young their umbilical cords are still attached, wrenched from their mothers and washed up

on beaches and dikes. An existing Pieterburen seal rehabilitation and research center (SRRC) near the northern city of Groningen has been so inundated with pups and older seals in recent weeks it has erected a temporary tent to house them while they are nurtured back to health before being returned to the wild.

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'Screamers'

American volunteer Torrey Utne said Thursday that in the last 10 days, more than 100 seals have been brought to the centre for treatment and it now houses some 350 of the marine mammals.

Many of them are young pups known as "screamers" for their high-pitched whining.

"Some of the seals are really friendly.... They will come right up to you and sniff you because they know you are the one bringing fish."

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Scene in brief



Will Smith will host Nickelodeon's 25th-annual Kids' Choice Awards. Nickelodeon announced Wednesday that 10-time winner Smith will host the March 31 ceremony from the Galen Center in Los Angeles. The show will air live on Nickelodeon. The actor recently finished filming *Men in Black III*.

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Sun shines again for Woody Allen after *Midnight*, his latest commercial awards hit

Synopsis

In the New Orleans-set crime thriller *Contraband*, Mark Wahlberg plays Chris Farraday, a reformed criminal forced to do the proverbial one last job when his brother-in-law Andy (Caleb Landry Jones) runs afoul of a local gangster (Giovanni Ribisi). To square the deal and pay-off Andy's debt, Chris agrees to go back into his old line of work — smuggling. In this case he must illegally transport millions of dollars in counterfeit bills. But can he navigate around the police, ruthless drug lords and double crosses to keep Andy and his family safe?

Ratings:

Richard: ●●●●
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Richard: Mark, Maybe January isn't a dumping ground for awful movies anymore. Used to be that only the dregs came out after Christmas, but *Contraband* is actually a pretty good thriller. It's not brilliant, but succeeds mainly because Wahlberg can play the family man, as he does in the first part of the movie, and then switch gears to have believable tough-guy swagger.

Mark: Well, the plot — One! Last! Heist! is as old as Dick Clark's toupee. But the movie is all in the details — the gritty port milieu, the dirty hold of the cargo boat, the cheap 'n'sleazy Panamanian

dives; this flick is the antidote to *Miami Vice* — there's zero glamour in this smuggling game. As far as Wahlberg goes, I found him totally believable and it's the best thing he's done in a while. But what's up with Ben Foster? Does he have to be a creep in every movie he's in?

RC: Foster is a fine but typecast actor. He really needs to break away from the deadbeat kind of characters he's been playing lately. More work like his heartrending performance in *The Messenger* please, and less like paint-by-number creepy guys he plays in movies like this

and *The Mechanic*.

MB: And I was all excited to see Kate Beckinsale out of *Vampirella* drag — and then they gave her nothing to do; the worst wife part in recent memory. The other supporting roles weren't all that great, either, although Giovanni Ribisi does make a swell bad guy, and I'll always have a soft spot for JK Simmons after his role in *Oz*. I like seeing him in anything.

RC: With the way Ribisi chews the scenery here and his work in *The Rum Diary* he's proving himself to be the hungriest actor in Hollywood next to Nic

Cage. He was fun. Beckinsale, not so much. Why cast her and then simply make her the damsel in distress? You'd think after kicking werewolf butt in four *Underworld* movies she'd be able to defend herself by now. Unfortunately the supporting characters are less interesting than the movie as a whole.

MB: It's not really an 'actor's movie,' is it? But the mechanics of the heist work, as well as the action sequences, and that's why it's worth watching. Oh, and a fabulous art joke, which seems out of whack with the rest of the film, but is a hoot nevertheless.



▶ Mark Wahlberg easily straddles the world of family man and tough guy in *Contraband*.

Old plot, new twist

▶ The 'one last heist' genre gets the grit of Mark Wahlberg in *Contraband*

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A beastly outing

► Chris Alexander takes his sons to Beauty and the Beast 3D ► The boys bond over chick-flick bashing

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Today, the house the mouse built digs up another masterwork, in 3D: 1992's sumptuous, Oscar-nominated Beauty and the Beast. For this review, I opted to not only bring my four-and-a-half year old son Jack to critique, but also another member of my film-reared brood, three-year-old Elliot, a young man who adores motion pictures ... but abhors wearing 3D glasses.

Now that's as good a place to start as any.

Beauty is just that, a ravishing classic fairy tale, with every single hand drawn frame a work of warm art. So why then, put it in 3D? The answer is, of course, to compete in today's screen leaping ob-



► The 1992 Oscar-nominated Beauty and the Beast gets the 3D treatment this weekend.

essed marketplace. Beauty is a dark affair, however, and much of the gimmick is ineffective. And in Elliot's case, annoying, as the lad kept removing his specs, refusing my many attempts to put them back on. No matter. He still was gripped by the picture. Both boys were. It's tight, colourful, lively, operatic and brisk. And although

the new 3D sheen lacks the punch it promises, it's still exciting to see Beauty and the Beast return to screens.

It also for me, marks a milestone in Jack's cinematic pallet in the form of his newly minted disdain for chick flicks.

"I loved that movie," he remarked as the credits rolled. "But I hate girls in dresses that kiss."

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Bracing for the return

► Golden Globe nominees say they're ready, even eager, for the comic wrath of host Ricky Gervais

When Golden Globes host Ricky Gervais took sharp swipes at Mel Gibson, Bruce Willis, Robert Downey, Jr. and the Hollywood Foreign Press Association at last year's ceremony, some criticized the comedian for going too far.

Downey described the vibe as "hugely mean-spirited, with mildly sinister undertones."

With Gervais back for his third turn as Globes host on Sunday, nominees are already preparing themselves for the British funnyman's pointed jabs.

"I'll probably get the piss taken out of me, but it's fine with me," said Elton John, nominated for his song from *Gnomeo & Juliet*. "I'm British. I can take it."

Johnny Galecki, who is up for his first Golden Globe for his work on TV's *The Big Bang Theory*, said that when he got word he was nominated, "one of my first five thoughts was, 'Oh Christ, Gervais is going to make fun of me.'"

But the actor isn't really worried.

"I'll be flattered by it," said the 5-foot 5-inch Galecki. "I'm looking forward to it. I hope he doesn't just zero in on the height. That's just easy pickings."

Damian Lewis, nominat-



► Will Ricky Gervais have them cheering or jeering at this year's award ceremony?

ed for his work on the TV series *Homeland*, said he might also be an easy target for Gervais.

"If he's got a thing about redheads, I'm a sitting duck," Lewis said.

Glee and American Horror Story executive producer Ryan Murphy is excited about Gervais' return and the spice he brings to the three-hour telecast.

"It's always good with the shows to have an un-

predictable element to them, and he certainly is that," Murphy said. "He's very funny and very smart and I think he will make nominees even more nervous than they already are, which is kind of funny."

Seth Rogen, who produced and starred in best picture nominee *50/50*, is also looking forward to Gervais' return. He even went online to check out what the comedian said

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last year.

"It was the first time in a long time I'd gone on YouTube and watched something an awards show said," Rogen said.

Supporting actor nominee Christopher Plummer said he appreciates Gervais' irreverence.

"I think finally everybody's come to that same conclusion: That that's him, he doesn't mean it, but he's very funny," Plummer said.

Jean Dujardin, nominated for his starring role in the silent film *The Artist* (which is also up for best picture and is the night's leading nominee with six bids), said it would be an honour if Gervais even mentioned him.

But there's a caveat, the actor said: "If he mocks me, he has to do it silently, without any words."

The 69th annual Golden Globe Awards will be presented Sunday at the Beverly Hilton Hotel and broadcast live on NBC.

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Ben's big 3

Ben Mulroney's three favourite Golden Globes red carpet moments.

1 "At a certain point during the red carpets, you're told to stop doing interviews so they can get everyone inside for the show. Last year, as we were wrapping up, Vancouver-



ver-raised Cory Monteith spotted our ETALK logo and ran over to chat with us anyway. A publicist spotted us, and kept trying to shut the interview down until Cory asked her to please calm down and let him talk. He broke the rules because he didn't want to miss the opportunity to say hi to Canada."

2 "I'd always wanted to talk to Emma Stone, and last year I got my chance. She

came on the carpet with her platinum blonde hair because for her *Spider-Man* role, and was absolutely stunning. It was refreshing to talk to someone whose star was rising, but was still so down to earth. She was fun, confident, well-spoken and didn't take herself too seriously. Through her movies, you feel like you get a sense of who she is, and you do - there's no pretence with her. You definitely won't see Emma pulling a Lindsay Lohan."

3 "ETALK is lucky to have a platform position at the

Golden Globes, so we're able to talk to a whole cast if the opportunity arises, and last year it did. The entire cast of *The Walking Dead* came onto our platform and I literally dropped to my knees and bowed to their greatness. The show is built for TV and movie fans, with an amazing cast. They're all great stars who may not be at the Oscars, but their level of accomplishment is on par with anyone nominated for an Academy Award. I was honoured to have the chance to talk to them." • METRO

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The Iron Lady

Genre: Drama
Director: Phyllida Lloyd

Stars: Meryl Streep, Jim Broadbent, Richard E. Grant

The film begins in the present with Margaret Thatcher, the longest serving British Prime Minister of the 20th Century, diminished by age. She daydreams conversations with her late husband and reflects on the past, which leads us into the "greatest hits" biographical format that makes up most of the movie.

It's all rather standard, elevated by a performance that once again displays what a great technician Meryl Streep is. She embodies Thatcher, from the flamboyant hair to the ever-present pearls although

the real heavy lifting is done in the "lion in winter" scenes. It's there the movie goes beyond the showy impersonation and becomes an emotional, well rounded portrait.

● RICHARD CROUSE



A Dangerous Method

Genre: Drama
Director: David Cronenberg

Stars: Michael Fassbender, Keira Knightley, Viggo Mortensen

Director David Cronenberg has rarely been this simply elegant. The story of two pioneering figures of psychoanalysis, Carl Jung (Michael Fassbender) and Sigmund Freud (Viggo Mortensen), who have a falling out over an intelligent but troubled patient, Sabina Spielrein

(Keira Knightley), is sophisticated and stylish. Shot compositions and camerawork are kept simple so as not to distract from the star of the show — the dialogue. As you might imagine for a drama about therapists, there is a great deal of talk. A Dangerous Method won't be for everyone. The combo of love story and birth of modern analysis is an odd mix, but in its introspection is a fascinating glimpse into the character's lives and minds.

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Joyful Noise

Genre: Comedy/Musical

Director: Todd Graff

Stars: Queen Latifah, Dolly Parton, Keke Palmer

You'd have to be pretty hard hearted not to get a charge out of the outsized enthusiasm of Joyful Noise.

OK, the script is overloaded; it's unashamedly cornpone and "squeaky clean" is an understatement.

It concerns a local church choir in a vaguely unsettlingly small Georgia town where everyone knows your business.

And sadly, Dolly Parton may have passed the surgical tipping point.

However, the third act gospel competition is a glorious bolt of musical lightning that all but obliterates these niggling problems.

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Beat up by a girl

► Tatum meets his match in martial arts expert Gina Carano

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Channing Tatum knows how to pick a fight. Last year, he quite vocally went on the record admitting he wasn't interested in watching or starring opposite a female action hero until Hollywood unearthed a woman who was truly intimidating.

"I've always wanted someone that I would be afraid to fight. And they found one," he grins, sitting in a suite at the Four Seasons in Beverly Hills where he's promoting his latest film, Haywire, a Bourne-esque action thriller about a covert operative caught in a deadly double cross that's headlined by female mixed martial arts star Gina Carano. "Isn't she just the most amazing little thing ever?" Tatum gushes. "I mean, she's diesel, but she's just got the best heart and she's so good in this movie."

Sculpting her acting chops

Gina Carano recalls her first day of work, which had her going toe-to-toe with one of 2011's breakout stars, Michael Fassbender. "At that point, I had only read lines with an acting coach for maybe three days," she cringes. "I showed up and Michael said, 'You want to run lines?' And I said, 'Please.' It was the first time I'd run lines with an actor. He put some whiskey down in front of me and said, 'OK, let's do this.'"

Carano, best known for her fight appearances and role as Crush on American Gladiators, was approached by Haywire director Steven Soderbergh to do an action movie, though he did caution her it would be "interesting" to see who signed opposite on for roles that demanded grown men get their butts

kicked by a girl ... who also happens to be a trained Muay Thai fighter.

"She's a real fighter, she can beat up most dudes," Tatum chuckles.

Her other co-stars are equally enthusiastic: "Oh, I got my butt kicked sideways by her and I loved every minute of it," Ewan McGregor offers. "It never crossed my mind for a minute not to do the movie for some macho reason."

Carano, who describes herself as "a tomboy who also loved Pride and Prejudice," says she feels incredibly lucky to have been given the chance to do any movie, let alone the lead in a Soderbergh project.

"I don't consider myself what people are necessarily looking for," she says, surprisingly sheepish for someone who knows her way around a submission choke-out.

"So I knew if I was going to get this opportunity, it was going to have to come to me. And it did."



► Martial Arts star Gina Carano gets to kick Michael Fassbender's butt in Haywire, which opens next Friday.

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Contraband (14A) Bargain Matinee, Digital Presentation, DTS Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:10
The Devil Inside (14A) Bargain Matinee, Stadium Seating, DTS Digital Fri-Sat 1:25-3:45-6:25-10:25 Bargain Matinee, Stadium Seating, DTS Digital Sun 3:45-6:25-10:25 Bargain Matinee, Stadium Seating, DTS Digital Mon-Wed 1:25-3:45-6:25-10:25 Bargain Matinee, Stadium Seating, DTS Digital Thu 1:25-3:45-10:25
Fullmetal Alchemist: The Sacred Star of Milos (STC) Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 12:55 DTS Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 7:30
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Bargain Matinee Fri-Thu 1:20-4:45-8
The Iron Lady (PG) Bargain Matinee, Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-7:25-10:15
Joyful Noise (PG) Bargain Matinee, Digital Presentation, DTS Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:45-3:55-6:45-9:45
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 1:4-10-10-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 1:4-10-6:50-10:10
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, Bargain Matinee Fri-Thu 12:50-4-6:55-9:55
War Horse (PG) Bargain Matinee, Digital Presentation, DTS Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:05-10:20

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The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Fri 6:50 Sat-Sun 4:10-6:50 Mon-Thu 4:40
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Beauty and the Beast 3D (G) Fri 6:45-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:45-6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:30
Contraband (14A) Digital Presentation Fri 7:9-9:40 Digital Presentation Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:40 Digital Presentation Mon-Thu 5:40-8:20
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Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (14A) Digital Presentation Fri 6:30-9:25 Digital Presentation Sat-Sun 12:40-3:35-6:30-9:25 Digital Presentation Mon-Thu 5:8
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (STC) Digital Presentation Fri 6:40-9:30 Digital Presentation Sat-Sun 1:35-6:40-9:30 Digital Presentation Mon-Thu 4:50-7:50
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Digital Presentation Fri 6:55 Digital Presentation Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:55 Digital Presentation Mon-Thu 5:10



► A woman becomes involved in a series of exorcisms while trying to uncover a mystery surrounding her mother's past in the new thriller, *The Devil Inside*.

We Bought a Zoo (PG) Digital Presentation Fri-Sun 9:20 Digital Presentation Mon-Thu 7:35

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In Time (PG) Fri 1:40-4:15-7:10-9:55
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:10-7:30-9:40
Moneyball (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:40-8
Players (STC) Fri-Thu 9:30
Puss in Boots (G) Fri-Thu 1:45
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Real Steel (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-6:50-9:40
The Sitter (14A) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:30-7:40-10
Tower Heist (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:55-7:20-9:50
A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas (18A) Fri-Thu 3:40-9

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Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) Fri-Thu 12:2-10-4:30-6:55-9
Beauty and the Beast 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30-9:50
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War Horse (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:30-7:10-10
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Happy Feet Two (G) Fri-Thu 1:15
Hugo (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:05-6:30-8:55
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (14A) Fri-Thu 9:10
The Sitter (14A) Fri-Thu 3:30-5:20-7:20-9:15

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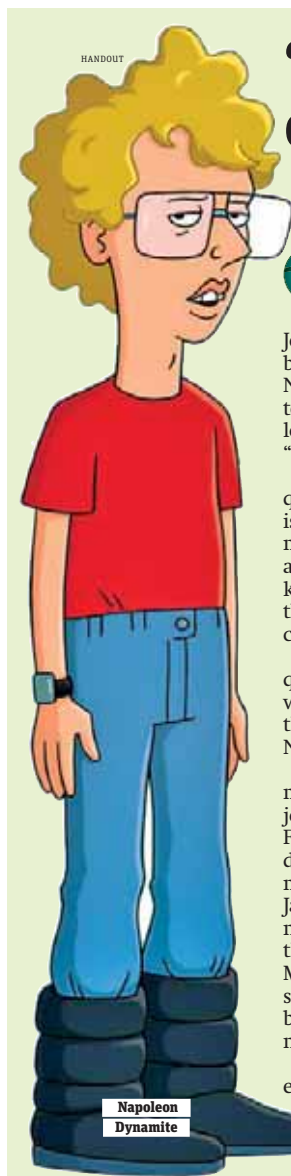
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'It was a way we could get inside Napoleon's head'

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Jon Heder says one of the best things about his new Napoleon Dynamite cartoon is that fans will no longer be asking him "that" question.

"It's the number one question you always get — is there going to be any more Napoleon?" says the actor, who is still best known as the awkward title character in the 2004 cult hit.

"So whether it's a sequel or television show or whatever, I'm happy to say the adventures of Napoleon will continue."

Also back for the animated series — which will join The Simpsons and Family Guy on Fox's Sunday night lineup — is the movie's director/writer Jared Hess and all the original cast members. Add to that executive producer Mike Scully (The Simpsons), and the future looks bright for the curly-haired nerd.

"We always felt if we ever continued the adventures of Napoleon, that we would do it in animated form,"

says Hess.

"It was a way we could get inside Napoleon's head...to kind of do things you can't do in live action. One of the great things about animation is that it costs just as much to draw a space ship as a car."

Surprisingly, considering the original film's continued cult status, the cartoon marks the first time the cast has been back together since the film's release.

"It's been a lot of fun," says Hess. "Because most of us hadn't seen each other since it played at Sundance when we first screened it. It was kind of a fun, little reunion to get everyone back together for the table read..."

Less enjoyable for Heder has been the increased acting workload.

"It was a very relaxing film to do because...you can hide behind your eyelids and rest your voice," he laughs. "But for the lead character in an ongoing animated series, I've had to show way more emotional range than I've ever had in anything else."

Napoleon Dynamite premieres Sunday on Global.

Mourning Maury

► Cast of Less Than Kind come together after sudden death of actor Maury Chaykin ► Filming now therapeutic

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Overcoming the loss of your lead actor can be detrimental to a television series.

For Less than Kind — who suddenly lost the prolific, irreplaceable Maury Chaykin in July — demise surely seemed imminent.

"We thought about (calling it quits) but I think we just absorbed the shock of it," said head writer/producer Mark McKinney, perhaps better known as one-fifth of the legendary Kids in the Hall comedy troupe.

"We realized we had created this great show about a completely authentic family and this was a really sad but completely authentic experience that people could relate to so (continuing) seemed like an obvious thing."

Despite the difficult decision to persevere with a third season (which premieres this Sunday on HBO Canada), the experience of finding a way around a set that didn't include Chaykin's magnificent personality was an adjustment.

In an act of art imitating life in the new season, the fictional Blecher family will find catharsis grieving for their patriarch just as the



► Less Than Kind returns for a third season Sunday on HBO Canada.

real-life close-knit cast and crew had to.

"Sam Blecher dies early in the series and like it happens in families, this rearranges and changes relationships," explained McKinney.

"Then people work their way back; so we send the characters quite far out of their normal orbit and then sort of pull them back but I hope in a realistic way. And it's funny too considering what we were dealing with."

But turning out new episodes wasn't just steely resolve for the show. For those close to Chaykin, filming became an exercise in therapy — that especially rang true for McKinney.

"Maury died five days before my mom did so it was

'So grateful'

Less Than Kind won three Gemini Awards while the cast still mourned Chaykin's death.

► "Winning the Geminis was amazing but we were all together a week before that for our first read-through (of Season 3) and that is the thing that is special to me," said McKinney. "We were so grateful to be back together and to be able to process all this."

really a hell of a summer. But my own family, we grew a factor closer by going through that together and so did this cast so in that sense it was all good in a way."

What once was lost...

► Actress Mercedes Masöhn, of the new series The Finder, shares her list of things she'd like to find ► Show is a spin-off of the popular series Bones

► Waldo (his parents must be sick with worry ... he's been missing for ages!).

► A needle in a hay stack (I want the bragging rights).

► Rumplestiltskin (he can spin straw into gold... enough said).

► My boyfriend from kindergarten (he stole my Hulk action figure and I want it back!).

► The Tooth Fairy (she "forgot" to leave me a dol-

lar for my third incisor when she took it from under my pillow in 1986 ... that's theft if you ask me ... let's just say that dollar has collected some interest and penalties ... according to my calculations, the Tooth Fairy owes me \$3,673.00).

► My self-dignity (I don't want to talk about it).

► A time machine (so I can return to the fateful night of July 25th, 1991... after sneaking out of bed to watch The Exorcist ...

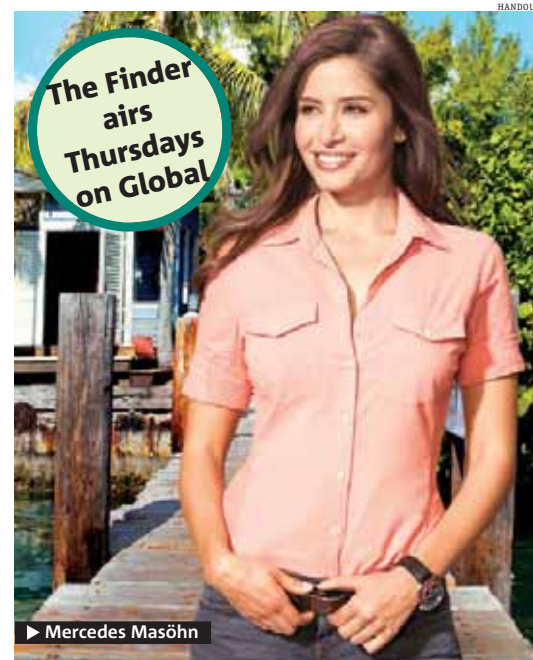
which caused me such fright that I was unable to sleep in my room on my own ... which led me to my parents' room in search of some solace...which led me to a most ghastly discovery, my parents engaging in what can only be described as animalistic savagery ... which consequently led to an adulthood filled with night terrors and three-hour long showers.

(ED NOTE: Readers should know that Mercedes is dictating this from the shower where

she is scrubbing her flesh raw in a fetal position.)

► Cupid (Sotheby's auction...enough said)

► The truth about Shakespeare's writing to set history straight once and for all (What? So I love Shakespeare, so what?! You have your opinions and I'm entitled to mine! Don't judge me! I don't have to impress you! YOU'RE NOT MY REAL DAD! (ED NOTE: Mercedes has run out of the room and slammed the door) ► METRO



► Mercedes Masöhn

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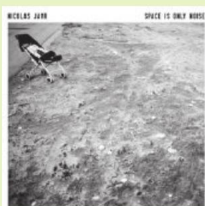
All that adds up to what might be our favourite album of the 2011. Ellis, a 23-year-old from Houston, steeps his second album Photographs in a long-gone era of traditional country music.



Ellie Goulding, Lights

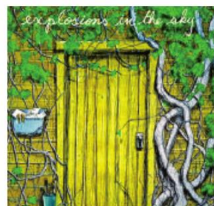
Yes, Ellie Goulding's debut album Lights is full of electro-dance beats and some tracks even make use of Auto-Tune, but it's not another overproduced dance album: She's got artistic heft.

Her voice drips with emotion and her lyrics are honest and straight forward, both ingredients that make for a top-notch album.



Nicolas Jaar, Space Is Only Noise

In today's music scene, dominated by imitators of dance beats and some of its originators, Nicolas Jaar is almost the antithesis to that upbeat world — his sound is downbeat, still echoing an electronic mood mixed with more emotion. His debut, Space Is Only Noise, is an instrumental album and 13-song adventure that wonderfully blends genres.



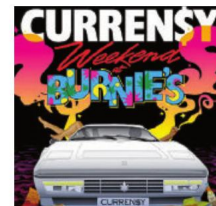
Explosions in the Sky, Take Care, Take Care, Take Care

Give this album a listen, and you'll find more real emotion in the wordless universe the band creates over these six songs than in much of the music you've listened to in 2011. From the soaring opener Last Known Surroundings to the playfulness of Be Comfortable, Creature, Explosions in the Sky create a playground for the imagination.



Deep Purple with Orchestra, Live at Montreaux 2011

It was 27 years ago that former Deep Purple guitarist Ritchie Blackmore brought a symphony orchestra out on tour with his successor band, Rainbow. Now, the Blackmore-less Deep Purple does likewise. The concert, from the closing night of the Montreaux festival on July 16, is sold separately as a CD and a DVD.



Curren\$y, Weekend at Burnie's

In 2011, Curren\$y released his fifth solo album, Weekend at Burnie's, which is by far his best album to date. With his strong southern drawl, the New Orleans-based rapper has a laid-back demeanour that works well with the melodic tracks, produced mostly by Monta Beatz. Curren\$y's lyrical content is much easier to understand on this album.

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On living the fab life

▶ Window dresser Simon Doonan on his new book

Skinny French chicks and roly-poly straight men. Lesbian chic and the chaotic state of style. Nothing and nobody escapes the gaydar of the fabulously floral Simon Doonan in his new book, *Gay Men Don't Get Fat*.

The ex-creator of edgy window displays for Barneys details his coming out moment as a boy of 10, reading a reporter's account of gay men hooking up in a North London park after dark ("Sign me up!").

The diminutive Doonan was creative director at Barneys for 25 years. After a shake-up at the luxury retailer, he's now creative ambassador-at-large.

But he's oh so much more: cheeky memoirist, provocative columnist and always hilarious chronicler of his very gay, very fun New York City life with husband Jonathan Adler, the

potter and interior design expert, and their Norwich terrier Liberace.

When it comes to style, Doonan said, gays are the chosen people. From fashion to food, he sees gay men as the real culture keepers over all those hungry females in Mireille Guiliano's *French Women Don't Get Fat*.

"We gays have an unconventional world view," he said. "We have the piercing objectivity and bold originality of the outsider. French women cannot compete with us. We are not bourgeois. We possess the indiscreet charm of the anti-bourgeoisie."

Here's more from Simon Doonan:

You say the intended audience is straight women. Do straight women need educating?

I want to liberate the

women of the world and teach them to live with the stylish bravado of we gays — and wee gays like me. Being a woman has become so complicated and pressurized. I want to make it easier, or maybe just more creative. Fashion and style should be about personal expression.

Do you really fly coach?

I'm not part of the one per cent. I'm a hardworking gay who is proud to fly coach, but only on short flights. I also ride the subway, and not in a Marie Antoinette kind of way. It really is the easiest way to get around.

You used to do the windows at Barneys. Do you miss that?

I dressed windows for almost 40 years. When I finally put down the glue gun last year it was something of a relief. However, I would



▶ Simon Doonan laid down his glue gun last year when he stopped doing his famous window displays at Barneys.

highly recommend a career in window display to any budding fashionista.

You're 59. Do you feel at peace with the aging process?
I loathe the idea of growing old gracefully. I fully intend to grow old eccentrically and dramatically. Brace

yourselves! I have no issue with wrinkles or lines. I think people worry too much about that stuff. The most important thing is to stay fit. My fave exercises are tap dancing and runway modelling.

How would you define your

approach to clothes and life?
I'm a charismatic deviant with a freaky world view. I'm determined to extract all the nuggets and nuances from my fabulous gay life and hurl them at the general population with tremendous force and gusto.

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So(u)n(d)s of anarchy

► Katey Sagal's music career gets a boost from hit show's soundtrack

Somebody get Katey Sagal a record deal — no really.

Although she's happy with her day job on the successful FX series *Sons of Anarchy*, in her heart, she's a singer — and she gets a chance to show it as part of a new collection of songs from the show's first four seasons.

"I love being an actor, but there's something about playing music that's a gift," the 57-year-old Sagal admits.

In the past, Sagal recorded on Elektra and Casablanca Records. But times have changed in the music business for her, and she paid to record her last album. Sagal yearns to record again in a more tra-



► Katey Sagal

ditional manner.

"I'm still old school. I have to go in the studio with a producer."

Music From *Sons of Anarchy*: Season 1-4 features three songs by Sagal, and represents a return to her main love. Though Sagal gained her fame as an actress, her first big break in show business was in mu-

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MUSIC PREDICTIONS FOR 2012

SOUND CHECK



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Here are some predictions for music in 2012.

Indie music's impact will be greater than ever. Major labels — we'll soon be down to just three — will continue to chase mass audiences with mass appeal artists. Their focus will be more on creating Top 40 superstars. It'll be up to the indies to deliver the truly interesting stuff. And they will.

In addition to mass appeal acts, the major labels will really push heritage



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► Madonna is hoping her new album will go to number one on the charts.

performers. This year's big reunions so far are the Cranberries (new album on Feb. 14), the Stone Roses (festivals this summer) and Black Sabbath (new album this fall). Also expect more deluxe reissues (Tragically Hip, I'm looking at you) as they try to persuade us to buy new copies of old albums — at a premium, of course.

Madonna and the Rolling Stones will battle

it out for the tour of the year. Madonna will release her new album in March. And, although they're playing coy, there's no way the Rolling Stones won't go on a 50th anniversary tour this year.

The gap between what's on the radio and what the kids are listening to online will continue to widen. Ask anyone under 24 about Lana Del Ray and they'll know in-

stantly who you're talking about. Even though she's barely made any kind of dent in commercial radio, her indie appeal is enough for her to be the musical guest on Saturday Night Live.

This is the year streaming music services will really take off. Rdio and Slacker are already in Canada. Spotify is coming.

CDs will still be around in twelve months. Ignore all those stupid predictions that the labels will boot the compact disc this year.

There will be another glut of Christmas albums in 11 months. For the past couple of years, Christmas albums have saved the music industry's fourth quarter. The trend will repeat in 2012.

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► J-Lo paying her latest boytoy \$10,000 a week to ensure he wears the pants

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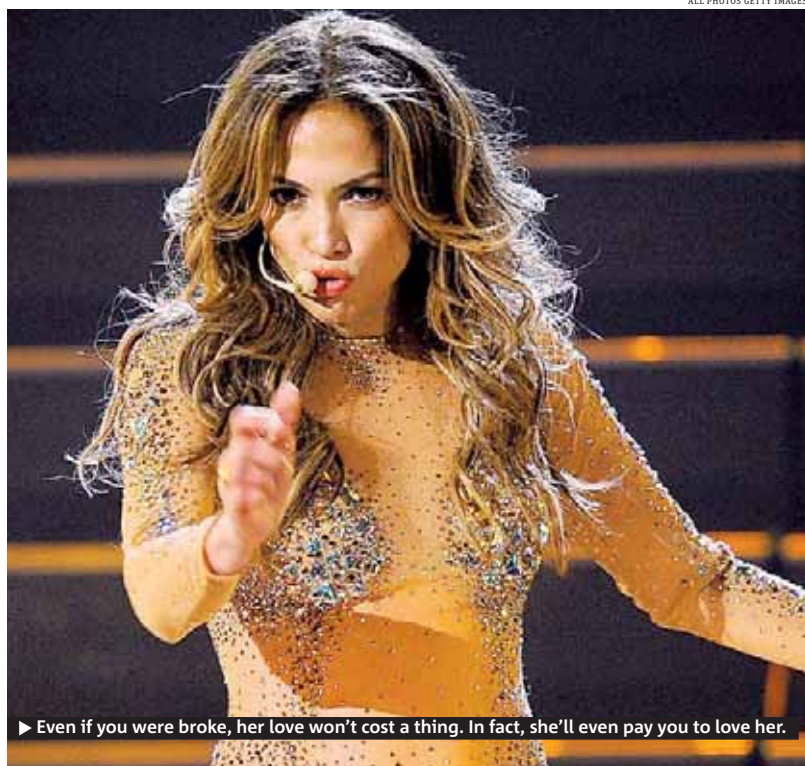


It pays to be Jennifer Lopez's boytoy.

Star magazine reports that Lopez is paying her former back-up dancer Casper Smart \$10,000 a week so he can pretend like he has the funds to date her high-profile self (it's like crazy Britney Spears all over again).

A source tells the mag, "She hated having to whip out her credit card every time they go to dinner. Jen figured it's easier to give Casper a weekly stipend, and she thought \$10,000 was a nice round number. Jen doesn't want to go over the top, showering Casper with too much, but she also wants him to up his game. Jen is hoping Casper won't think twice about buying presents for her kids or whisking her off for a surprise weekend getaway."

Ha. No. \$40,000 a



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► Even if you were broke, her love won't cost a thing. In fact, she'll even pay you to love her.

month as payment to be your boyfriend isn't "over the top" at all!

That's totally normal and sane behaviour! From the block, indeed. No won-

der she's shilling so hard for Fiat — she has a boyfriend to support.

Katy Perry is still wanted

Her marriage to Russell Brand may be over, but at least Katy Perry has her fans to turn to.

The singer won big at the People's Choice Awards this week, pulling in five awards: favourite female artist, tour headliner and for song of the year for ET with Kanye West, music

video for Last Friday Night and TV guest star for How I Met Your Mother, according to People magazine.

There was a significant lack of acceptance speeches at the awards show, though, as Perry decided earlier in the week not to attend the ceremony.

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► Katy Perry



► Halle Berry

Berry still bursting

Halle Berry is reportedly eager to expand her family with fiancé Olivier Martinez, according to Star magazine.

"Halle is very serious about this marriage," a source says. "She's ready."

Another source adds, "Olivier has become her rock. Halle would love to have more kids, but she knows it might be difficult because of her age and the fact that she's diabetic."

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Talking points

Kelly back with Derek Jeter

THEY'LL BE OFF AGAIN IN A FEW WEEKS Minka Kelly is back together with her on-again, off-again boyfriend, New York Yankees star Derek Jeter, but when they were last off she didn't exactly have a shortage of other options. Sources tell Us Weekly that Kelly shot down a come-on from Jake Gyllenhaal last fall while she was temporarily single. But that's not to say that Gyllenhaal isn't up to her standards. Kelly was just "trying to patch things up" with Jeter quietly at the time.

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Hudson giving parenting tips

JUST MORE UNSOLICITED ADVICE Now that her Dreamgirls co-star Beyoncé Knowles is a mom as well, Jennifer Hudson has some advice for her.

"Girl, get your sleep!" Hudson says, according to Us Weekly. "We talked about this when I had my munchkin. It goes so fast. She's going to look up and (Blue)'s going to be six months. Next thing you know, she's going to be walking."

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Cougar Town confuses Cox's child

I SAW MOMMY KISSING ... Courtney Cox says her on-screen romance with Cougar Town co-star Josh Hopkins has led to some confusing moments at home with her 7-year-old daughter, Coco, since Hopkins is also a

Celebrity tweets



"my bronchitis is going away...OR I'm dead and in heaven and don't know it yet...either way, it's all good."



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@mena13suvari

"And now, a much needed Ep-som bath soak after all this working out I've been doing every day!"

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"According to the tabloids in my dentist's waiting room we can expect a result in the OJ trial any day now."

@SethMacFarlane



"Too bad there's not a robot Bob Hope to go entertain the unmanned drones at the front."

close family friend.

"She shouldn't watch Cougar Town, but she does," Cox tells Us Weekly about her daughter. "She's always like, 'Mommy! Did you really kiss Josh?' And I'm like, 'I'm just faking it!'" Cox and Hopkins

have been rumored to be dating in real life as well but have both denied reports of a relationship.

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Wine sipping on a budget



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A New Year brings many things. None of which are more thrilling than those post-holiday bills dropped off by your friendly postman.

While coming to grips with how much you spent making your Christmas merry may be enough to drive you to drink, finding a bottle of something decent you can pay for with the change found between your couch cushions may seem unlikely.

Though larger format sizes offer good value, many are blended, non-vintage wines with European sounding names and lackluster taste. That makes a drinkable, inexpensive vintage wine in a 1,500 millilitre bottle one of the Holy Grails of the booze business.

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Preparation:

1 In a food processor or bowl, combine cheese and butter. Add flour, walnuts, pepper and salt. Blend until dough starts to come together. Bring mixture together with your hands as necessary and place onto a large piece of plastic wrap.

2 Shape dough into about a 6 inch (15 cm) long log and refrigerate for at



► The recipe makes 30 crisps.

least 1 hour or until firm.

3 Cut into 1/4 inch (5 mm) thick slices and place on

parchment paper lined baking sheet. Bake in 350 F (180 C) oven for about 15 minutes or until gold-

en. Let cool completely on pan. Remove with small spatula. **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA**

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup (175 mL) crumbed blue cheese
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) butter, softened
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) all-purpose flour
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) ground walnuts
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) freshly ground pepper
- Pinch salt

Crisp Tips

► **Dough**
Make the dough ahead and keep it refrigerated for up to five days. Slice and bake it as needed.

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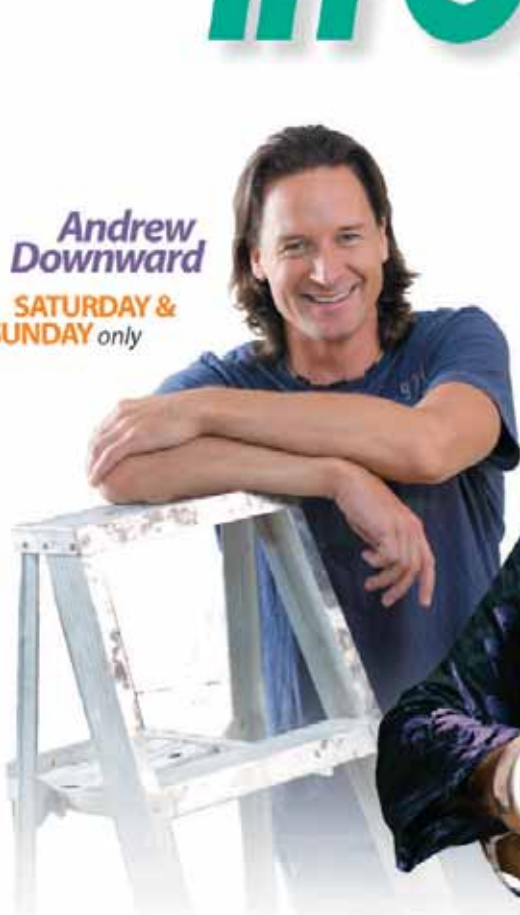
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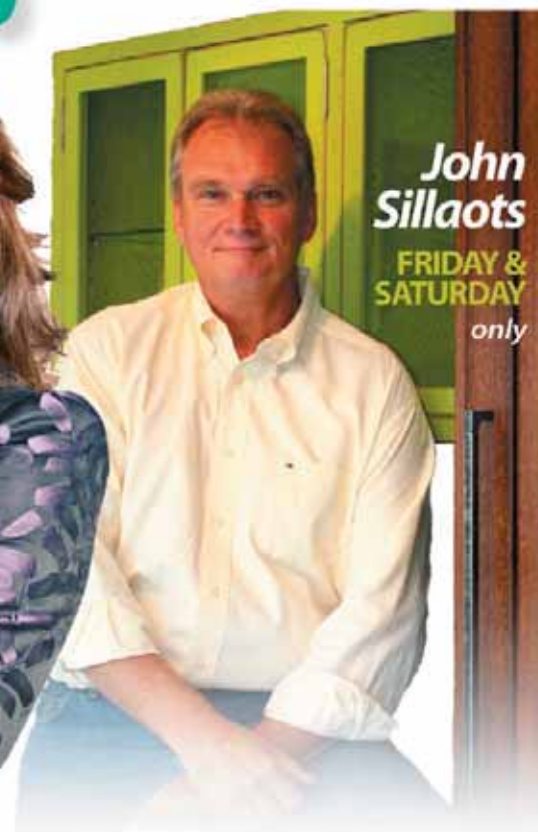
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The Oilers (16-22-4) host Anaheim (13-22-7), which lost 1-0 in OT to Calgary on Thursday. With Jonas Hiller (lower body) questionable, former Oilers goalie Jeff Deslauriers might get the start. Deslauriers made 26 saves in his first NHL start of the season when the Ducks beat Dallas 5-2 on Tuesday. Teemu Selanne has five points in his last three games and leads Anaheim with 41 points.

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A man on a mission

► Hall leading the way for Oilers when they need him most ► Scored 5 goals in 7 road games

If adversity reveals character, Taylor Hall is making a bold statement about his willingness and ability to lead at a time when the Edmonton Oilers need him most.

The injury-riddled club is mired in a stretch that has seen them win just twice in their last 13 games, but the 20-year-old former two-time Memorial Cup champion and MVP is doing what he can to shake his team from its slump.

After scoring five goals during a seven-game stretch on the road in which the Oilers won just once, Hall was easily Edmonton's best player in Wednesday's 2-1 overtime loss to the New Jersey Devils.

Beaten again, but not beaten down.

"I expect a lot out of myself," Hall said Thursday. "No matter what's going on around you, you always want to worry about your own game and how you're playing."

"From there, you focus on how you can help the team as best you can. I'm just trying to play the best I can to help out my linemates and the team. We come to each game with a fresh mindset. We don't worry about the last one. We try to win the next one. I think every player on the team is doing their best."

Injuries to Jordan Eberle and rookie Ryan Nugent-Hopkins during the trip have left the Oilers without their top-two scorers. Eberle is out for two to three



► Taylor Hall and Islander Nino Niederreiter battle for the puck on Dec. 31.

weeks with a sprained right knee, while Nugent-Hopkins will be gone until the NHL all-star break with a shoulder injury. Defencemen Tom Gilbert, Ryan Whitney and Cam Barker are also out.

Enter Hall, a man on a mission against the Devils who fired five shots at Johan Hedberg, assisted on Ales Hemsky's 1-1 goal, set up a half-dozen scoring chances and logged 23:10 of ice time for coach Tom Renney against New Jersey. "I'd like to think that's

symbolic of our team," Renney said of Hall elevating his game during a frustrating stretch. "He's certainly one of those guys who leads the way with that whole approach."

"This is a fabulous player. A huge passion to play and very driven. I just love that. That's so much about what we need to be moving forward."

Hall has 14 goals and 30 points. Seven of his goals have come in the 12 games he's played since he returned to action after miss-

ing seven contests with a shoulder injury.

"You can't really worry about the situation you're in," said Hall, who won two Memorial Cups with the OHL's Windsor Spitfires. "You have to treat every game like a new game and go out and play it."

"You play it the very best you can, the most desperate you can. You try to be consistent every night because that's what your teammates want and expect out of you."

Without Eberle, who has 43 points, and Nugent-Hopkins, who leads NHL rookies in scoring with 35 points and has been named to participate in the rookie skills competition at the all-star game, Hall is playing on a line with Sam Gagner and Hemsky.

"It's a big lift for everyone when you see a guy who goes out there like that and just plays fearless," Gagner said. "We can learn a lot from him in that regard."

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Bailey vs. Brady six years later

► Underdog Broncos look to repeat magic of 2006 and once again end heavily favoured Patriots' playoff hopes

The last time the Broncos and New England Patriots met in the playoffs, Champ Bailey returned an interception 100 yards, sparking a big Denver win and handing Tom Brady his first post-season defeat after 10 wins and three titles.

Six years later, they meet again on Saturday, both men longer in the tooth but just as transcendent.

At age 33, Bailey has helped the Broncos (9-8) reach the playoffs for the first time in six seasons.

"He's really a playmaker for them," Brady said. "He's a great leader. He's everything you look for in a football player."

That's pretty much what Bailey said about Brady.

"He's smart, accurate, he has all the tools," Bailey said. "He's tough, confident. Everything you want



► Tom Brady

in a player."

At age 34, Brady threw 39 touchdown passes, the second-best total of his great career, and led the Pats (13-3) to the top of the AFC by winning his last eight starts, including a

blowout at Denver on Dec. 18.

The heavily favoured Patriots are 8-2 in home playoff games under Brady, whose 14-5 post-season record is tied with Terry Bradshaw for the best mark



► Champ Bailey

in league history.

The Broncos captain readily acknowledges he doesn't particularly enjoy facing Brady.

"It's more frustrating when you're out there because he's so good. He's one

of the best ever," Bailey said. "I think a lot of people want to find out who's going to be the next guy, but he always reminds everybody he's still the best."

Brady said he's not thrilled to see Bailey again,

7th

Champ Bailey and the Broncos will be out for their seventh win in 10 tries against Tom Brady. No other team has had that much success against the two-time MVP.

either.

"I wish I could have him on our team and not play against him. I'm tired of playing against him," Brady said. "He definitely challenges us."

That's what happened Jan. 14, 2006, when Bailey made the play that ended New England's dominating dynasty along with Denver's years of playoff misery.

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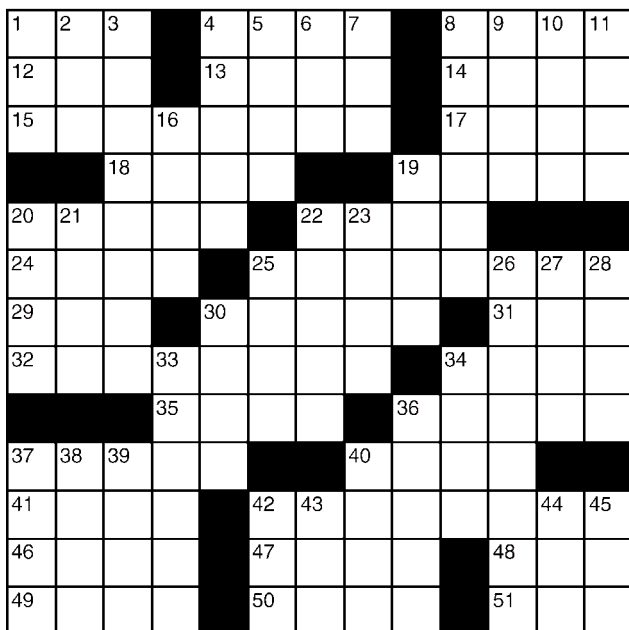
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37 Hut
40 Emptiness
41 Flirtatious gesture
42 Decisive confrontation
46 "American —"
47 Detest
48 Court
49 Simmons of KISS
50 Basin accessory
51 Fresh

Down

1 Smart-phone download
2 Debtor's letters
3 Rapid decline
4 Hot rum drink
5 "— Named Sue"



6 Intimidate
7 Understanding
8 Whale variety
9 Quite enthusiastic
10 Trilled
11 Envelope-pushing
16 Light refrain
19 Scads
20 Soother ...
21 ... that may contain this
22 Berate
23 Part of Miss Muffet's lunch
25 Cobbler's item
26 "Hush!"
27 Get ready
28 Marquis de —
30 Warmonger
33 Equipment
34 Dry
36 Cringe
37 Hearty drink
38 Stash
39 Unsigned (Abbr.)
40 November responsibility
42 That girl
43 Hem's partner
44 "Alas!" emotion
45 Without further ado

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►



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Buhbee Your the reason I smile. The reason I breathe. The reason I look forward to each night's eve. My heart aches for you throughout the day. Only hoping for a glimpse of your smile as I lay. Waiting for you. And the moment you say I do. Together forever and never apart. J&K

PANDA

*To: My Sweetheart
Do you know how long I've writing to you? Do you know how many times I've released dreams and wishes, here for you? If there's anything you wish that I can give, you can have it. Just phone me and I'll be right there with arms to hold you and lips to kiss yours and legs to squeeze you tight! Sent with Muahs and Hugs and Kisses! I am coming over on Friday to relax with you. I have something for you and you have something for me! So, lets share...!!! ;) SOUR TART*

A look at the weather

TODAY Min -3° Max 1°
SATURDAY Min -10° Max -4°
SUNDAY Min -14° Max -3°

Michele McDougall Weather Specialist

"My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes". WEEKDAYS 5:30 AM



Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

Today's Sun-Mars link makes this the ideal time to impress employers and other important people.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

There is nothing you cannot do and nothing you cannot have. No, really. The only danger is that you might get carried away.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

Find a quiet place where you can be alone then ask yourself some questions about who you are.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

If you let partners dictate the terms today, you can be sure that they won't be favourable to you.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

You have been working too hard and need a break. You will be no good to anyone if you run yourself into the ground.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22

With Mars in your sign, linked to the Sun, there is precious little you cannot do today. Get out there!

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Today, you'll have to deal with someone you don't like, but there is no point in getting annoyed.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Today, you will attract a few hangers-on. Watch that they don't have too good a time at your expense.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

With both Mars and Pluto strong in your chart what changes you decide to make will be irreversible.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Your confidence is at a high at the moment. But that does not mean you have to do everything.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

The less others know about your aims and ambitions, the better. It's OK to be a bit secretive today.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Take the initiative in group and social activities, and don't be afraid to tell others what they should be doing. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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